



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Message from the Editor

This is the **final** *Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report* for 2017. We will resume this report in March 2018. We would like to give special thanks to our Parish Agents, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service and the Southern Regional Climate Center for their ongoing participation.

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 26, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 10 percent very short, 26 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 30 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 30.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 45.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 60.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah to 68.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southwest part of the state with an average of 0.29 inches.

Crop progress for week ending November 26, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sugarcane, harvested	63	56	70	65
Winter Wheat, planted	83	69	52	74
Winter Wheat, emerged	49	39	29	58

Crop condition for week ending November 26, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	2	6	39	48	5
Pasture	4	21	42	30	3
Vegetables	5	12	43	36	4
Winter Wheat	0	11	65	24	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Dry conditions have been ideal for the sugarcane harvest, planting of winter wheat and pastures, and also for the fall and winter calving period. However, dry conditions will soon affect those winter plantings needing fertilizer. A couple of recent frosts have knocked down any warm season forages for grazing. Livestock producers are feeding hay and supplements. Crawfish are beginning to come in areas, while most producers will start after January 1st.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“High sugar and tonnage looks like it will extend grinding until January 10th. Cattle producers are feeding hay and winter supplements. Some early planted cool season pastures are being grazed. Fall vegetable and citrus harvest was in full swing. A light frost nipped tender vegetation.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Dry conditions continued slowing rye grass growth. Spotty frost has effected some pasture ground, while other ground continued to provide grazing. Fall vegetables are needing moisture.”

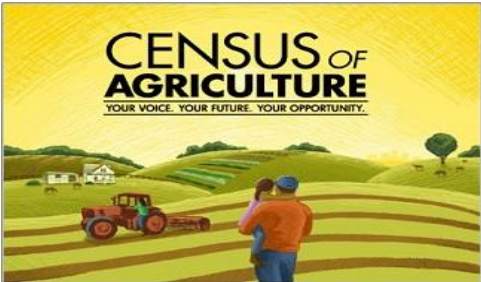
– Bruce Garner, West Carroll Parish

“Sugarcane harvest continued under excellent conditions. Rain is needed for ryegrass pastures. Farmers have taken advantage of dry conditions to accomplish much field preparation. Crawfish harvest has begun.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Didn’t get much of a shower last week. Ryegrass pastures in need of a good rain to fertilize. Farmers still preforming fieldwork.”



– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish



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Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending November 26, 2017										
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	64.6	32.7	48.6	52.4	-3.7	0.00	0	-1.21	1.52	-3.41
Mooringsport	64.9	35.3	50.1	52.8	-2.7	0.00	0	-1.07	1.90	-2.29
Red River	64.0	36.4	50.2	53.6	-3.4	NA	0	-0.99	1.65	-2.69
Shreveport	62.1	33.9	48.0	52.4	-4.4	NA	0	-1.01	1.63	-3.07
Extreme/Average	63.9	34.6	49.2	52.8	-3.6	0.00	0	-1.07	1.67	-2.86
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	52.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	52.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	61.4	30.9	46.1	51.2	-5.1	0.00	0	-1.32	1.03	-2.90
Extreme/Average	61.4	30.9	46.1	51.8	-5.1	0.00	0	-1.32	1.03	-2.90
Northeast										
Lake Providence	60.3	34.9	47.6	52.8	-5.2	0.00	0	-1.31	4.89	2.63
St Joseph	63.3	33.0	48.2	55.3	-7.8	0.00	0	-0.61	1.04	-3.02
Tallulah	60.2	35.2	47.8	54.0	-6.1	0.00	0	-0.73	0.95	-1.92
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	54.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.54	-1.37
Extreme/Average	61.3	34.4	47.8	54.1	-6.4	0.00	0	-0.88	1.85	-0.92
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	53.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	NA	NA	NA	55.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Leesville	67.4	36.0	51.7	54.8	-3.1	0.07	1	-1.32	1.50	-3.82
Natchitoches	63.9	39.4	51.6	54.7	-3.1	0.14	1	-1.14	1.12	-3.75
Extreme/Average	65.7	37.7	51.7	54.7	-3.1	0.11	1	-1.23	1.31	-3.79
Central										
Alexandria	63.7	37.9	50.8	56.0	-5.2	0.26	1	-1.21	2.00	-3.47
Bunkie	64.0	38.0	51.0	56.5	-5.5	0.00	0	-1.35	1.62	-3.31
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	58.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	66.6	35.7	51.1	55.7	-4.6	0.25	1	-1.20	2.33	-2.39
New Roads	64.2	40.0	52.1	58.1	-6.0	0.22	1	-0.60	0.22	-3.28
Extreme/Average	64.6	37.9	51.3	57.0	-5.3	0.18	1	-1.09	1.54	-3.11
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.02	3.07	-1.22
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	56.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.13	1	NA	1.24	NA
Slidell	64.7	41.4	53.1	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	0.20	NA
Extreme/Average	64.7	41.4	53.1	56.9	NA	0.04	1	-1.02	1.50	-1.22
Southwest										
Crowley	61.0	41.0	51.0	57.9	-7.8	0.19	1	-0.93	4.51	-0.04
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	56.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	64.3	40.9	52.6	58.4	-5.8	0.45	1	-0.67	3.36	-1.33
Oberlin Fire	63.6	38.3	50.9	57.3	-6.4	0.23	1	-0.99	1.66	-3.23
Extreme/Average	63.0	40.1	51.5	57.5	-6.7	0.29	1	-0.86	3.18	-1.53
South Central										
Donaldsonville	66.7	38.4	52.6	58.5	-5.9	NA	0	-1.00	1.00	-2.89
Jeanerette	66.4	41.1	53.8	59.1	-5.3	0.10	1	-0.76	0.43	-3.20
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	58.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	66.0	44.2	55.1	60.1	-4.8	0.00	0	-0.56	0.03	-3.24
Extreme/Average	66.4	41.2	53.8	59.0	-5.3	0.05	1	-0.77	0.49	-3.11
Southeast										
Galliano	68.0	45.6	56.8	60.7	-3.9	0.20	1	-0.60	0.35	-2.78
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.19	0.83
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	68.0	45.6	56.8	60.7	-3.9	0.20	1	-0.60	1.27	-0.97
State	64.2	38.3	51.3	56.2	-4.5	0.12	1	-0.98	1.64	-2.20

DFN = Departure from Normal.
Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.
NA = Not Available.